

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CACP No.11 of 2014 (O&M)
Date of decision:- 20.02.2015.

Shashi Bala

.....Appellant

Versus

Rishi Raj Gangotra and others

.....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE T.P.S. MANN
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DR. SHEKHER DHAWAN**

Present: Mr. J.S. Bhatti, Advocate for the appellant.

Mr. K.S. Dadwal, Advocate and
Mr. Vaibhav Narang, Advocate
for the respondents.

T.P.S. MANN, J. (ORAL)

On account of the appellant not appearing before the Matrimonial Court where proceedings under Section 13-B of the Hindu Marriage Act had been initiated, she was held guilty of contempt of Court and directed to pay costs to the tune of Rs.25,000/- by depositing the same with the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court.

While issuing notice in the present appeal, a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court stayed the depositing of punitive costs of Rs.25,000/-.

Learned counsel for the parties are ad idem that the marriage of the appellant and respondent-Rishi Raj Gangotra has

since been dissolved by a decree of divorce under Section 13-B of the Hindu Marriage Act. Even the criminal proceedings stand quashed in view of the compromise already arrived at between the parties.

However, the appellant cannot be exonerated of the charge against her. At the most, she deserves some leniency in the matter of costs which have been imposed upon her vide impugned order.

Resultantly, the punitive costs imposed upon the appellant vide impugned order are reduced from Rs.25,000/- to Rs.10,000/-, to be deposited with the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court within four weeks from today.

The appeal is, accordingly, disposed of.

**(T.P.S. MANN)
JUDGE**

**(SHEKHER DHAWAN)
JUDGE**

February 20, 2015.

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